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STATE PLAN

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The State Board of Elections is an independent constitutional agency responsible for general supervision over the administration of the registration and election laws throughout the State of Illinois. The Board consists of eight members – four Democrat and four Republican. The Board appoints an Executive Director and Assistant Executive Director to oversee the day-to-day activities of the State Board of Elections. The Executive Director serves as the Chief Election Officer for the state.

During its thirty year existence, the legislature has expanded the duties of the State Board of Elections to include many other aspects of the election process. The Board oversees and provides services to 110 election jurisdictions throughout the state. With the passage of The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), the Board will be responsible for ensuring the provisions of HAVA are implemented in a proper and timely fashion.

Legislation was passed and signed by the Governor to implement provisions under the Help America Vote Act of 2002. Among other things, Public Act 93-0574 established the Help Illinois Vote Act fund so that Illinois could receive federal funds; established new criteria in the Election Code for provisional voting; provided for the definition of a vote for punch card systems, optical scan systems and the Populex system; and authorized the use of direct recording electronic voting systems in Illinois.

During the spring legislative session, the legislature passed, and the Governor signed, a bill which appropriates \$5 million from the Capital Development Fund to the State Board of Elections for grants to local governments for the purchase of handicapped accessible polling machine. This will meet the HAVA requirement that the state has appropriated funds for carrying out the activities for which the requirements payment is made in an amount equal to 5 percent .

A computerized statewide voter registration system is in place, however at this time it is not fully in compliance with HAVA. Work will continue to bring it into full compliance.

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Illinois State Board of Elections Preliminary State Plan

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INTRODUCTION

The revised Illinois State Plan continues to outline how the state will distribute and monitor the monies received and how the state is meeting or will meet the requirements of the Act. It is designed to be a flexible document and subject to alteration as conditions might warrant.

State Board of Elections' staff is working diligently to bring Illinois into compliance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002. The plan which follows is divided into the thirteen sections which are enumerated in Section 254 of the Act.

Section 1. Title III Requirements Payment

How the State will use the requirements payment to meet the requirements of Title III, and if applicable under section 251(a)(2), to carry out other activities to improve the administration of elections.

Section 301 Voting Systems Standards

Public Act 93-0574 (PA 93-0574) authorized the use of Direct Recording Electronic Voting systems (DRE) approved by the State Board of Elections. Rules were promulgated and staff has tested and certified accessible voting equipment for use in Illinois. Each election jurisdiction now complies with the HAVA requirement that one fully accessible machine be available in each polling place. These systems must be fully accessible to permit blind or visually impaired voters as well as physically disabled voters to exercise their right to vote in private and without assistance. All election jurisdictions had at least one accessible voting system in every polling place for the March 21, 2006 primary election.

Election jurisdictions will continue educating the election judges as well as training voters on the election process as well as new voting equipment. The Election Judge manual includes information on assisting voters with disabilities. This portion suggests common courtesies and guidelines for the election judges in assisting voters. In addition, the SBE distributed to all election authorities a disability etiquette booklet published by the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association. This booklet provides tips on interacting with people with disabilities.

In addition to the one accessible voting system in every polling place, the all 110 election jurisdictions are now using a voting system that does not use punch card equipment. These systems meet HAVA requirements in that they 1) permit the voter to verify their vote before the ballot is cast and counted, 2) provide the voter with the opportunity to change the ballot before it is cast and counted, and 3) provide notice to the voter of an overvote with an opportunity to correct the ballot before it is cast and counted. All jurisdictions will have equipment that meets the error rate standards established under section 3.2.1 of the voting systems standards issued by the Federal Election commission.

All voting systems currently produce a permanent paper record. PA 93-0574 also requires a permanent paper record on the DRE's.

Pursuant to Public Act 93-0574, the State Board of Elections, in evaluating the feasibility of any new voting system, shall seek and accept public comment from persons of the disabled community, including but not limited to organizations of the blind.

Illinois applied for and received the Election Assistance for Individuals for Disabilities grants for FY 03, FY 04 and FY 05. These three grants together amounted to \$1,227,320. Section 101 monies in the amount of \$1,500,000 were allocated to the

election jurisdictions to further enable them to make polling places accessible. Election authorities will continue to audit polling places on a regular basis to ascertain if they meet accessibility standards and also publish the polling places that are accessible. Illinois will strive to have all polling places 100% accessible.

Section 302 Provisional Voting and Voting Information Requirements

Public Act 93-0574 provided statutory language authorizing provisional voting in Illinois. All provisional voting requirements for this provision are now met. Election authorities shall continue to train election judges on implementing this new provision. As provided in Section 302(a)(5)(3), the State Board of Elections, continues to provide a toll free telephone number for election authorities to utilize for voters who cast provisional ballots to access to discover whether their vote was counted. The SBE also provides for a system which allows a voter to access the SBE website with an access code to determine if their vote was counted. The majority of the jurisdictions utilized this system at the March 2006 election. Illinois law also allows for provisional voting if the polls remain open after closing time due to a Federal or State court order.

All election jurisdictions were notified of the requirement for posting Voting Information Requirements in each polling place on the day of each election for Federal office.

The revised voter registration form includes instructions for mail-in registrants and first time voters. An Administrative Complaint procedure is in place that allows individuals who feel their rights have been violated to seek recourse.

Section 303 Computerized Statewide Voter Registration List Requirements and Requirements for Voters Who Register By Mail.

Illinois continues work on the single, uniform, official centralized statewide voter registration database. Legislation was passed in the Spring of 2005 that limits the spending authority for the database to an amount of \$8,650,000. This legislation also prohibits the electronic transfer of voter registrations from the Secretary of State to the State Board of Elections. We have coordinated with the Department of Public Health and Department of Corrections for the transfer of deaths and felons via electronic means. Illinois has entered into a contract with Catalyst Consulting to perform technical upgrades and to continue work to bring the statewide database into full compliance with HAVA.

The revised voter registration form allows for the applicant's driver's license number or, if no driver's license, the last 4 digits of the applicant's social security number or their full Secretary of State ID number. Measures will be provided for in determining the validity of the numbers provided once the statewide voter registration database is complete.

The HAVA requirement that every legally registered voter in the State be assigned a unique identifier will be provided for when the statewide voter registration database is complete.

The State Board of Elections and the Office of the Secretary of State have entered into an agreement for the sharing of information in the databases. The Secretary of State's office is required to enter into an agreement with the Social Security office.

Illinois law (10 ILCS 5/1A-16) now provides for all requirements for a person who has registered by mail. Although under the provisions of NVRA, Illinois does not permit first-time mail registrants to vote absentee by mail. Once the database is in place we will meet the requirement to match the information submitted on a mail registration with the existing identification number.

Section 402. Establishment of State-based Administrative Complaint Procedures to Remedy Grievances.

The State Board of Elections has adopted a state-based administrative complaint procedure with the adoption of Administrative Complaint Procedures and Remedy Grievance Rules and Regulations.

Section 2. Illinois' Distribution of Requirements Payment

How the State will distribute and monitor the distribution of the requirements payment to units of local government or other entities in the State for carrying out the activities described in paragraph (1), including a description of

- (A) *the criteria to be used to determine the eligibility of such units or entities for receiving the payment; and*
- (B) *the methods to be used by the State to monitor the performance of the units or entities to whom the payment is distributed, consistent with the performance goals and measures adopted under paragraph (8).*

The State Board of Elections will retain all responsibility for the requirements payments. It will receive, expend and account for all HAVA monies. The SBE will work with the election authorities to determine needs and spending priorities. Funds will be distributed based on availability and set to the priorities established in this plan.

The State Board of Elections will manage the requirements payments and will account for all receipts and expenditures. Election authorities will either be reimbursed for qualifying expenditures or will be awarded grants depending on individual circumstances. However, election authorities will be responsible for financial needs that exceed the specified requirements.

The State Board of Elections will ensure all payments are accounted for in accordance with the performance goals and measures adopted under Section 8.

Section 3. Voter Education Programs

How the state will provide for programs for voter education, election official education and training, and poll worker training which will assist the State in meeting the requirements of title III.

I. Voter Education

Voter education is essential to any plan for election reform. The purpose of the voter education program must be to increase voter familiarity with the requirements to register to vote, the type of voting equipment utilized and to inform voters of their rights and responsibilities at the polling place. Voter education should also help to increase voter interest in the election, help attract poll workers, and decrease the voter error rate.

The voter education program will address all aspects of the voting public with specific emphasis in reaching senior citizens, young adults, minority voters, and voters with disabilities. It will include both pre-election and election day strategies including how to register to vote, how to locate polling places, how to cast a ballot, and voters rights in the polling place.

Pre-election strategies include public service announcements in television and radio format, electronic forms of voter education, community partnerships with outreach organizations, demonstrations of the voting equipment at venues throughout the election jurisdiction, and programs geared toward use in the classroom. The State Board of Elections has and will continue to seek participation from other state agencies. The State Board of Elections will seek assistance from the Department of Rehabilitation Services, Department of Aging and Department of Human Services in providing educational materials to clients of those departments.

Pre-election day strategies include demonstrations of the voting equipment. Election day strategies include having informational posters available in polling places, and printed information regarding voting equipment usage provided in the polling place. We encourage election authorities to request vendors to provide to each registered household in that jurisdiction a guide explaining operation of their particular voting equipment. The State Board of Elections will continue to enhance its voter education material already on its website and we encourage election authorities to do the same.

The State Board of Elections will develop voter education programs in partnership with all stakeholders, including local election authorities, community representatives, and advocacy organizations. As the Secretary of State, Division of Motor Vehicles, registers many voters, information should be provided at these sites educating voters as they register.

II. Election Administrator Training

The State Board of Elections has prepared and will continue to update a Guide for Election Authorities to ensure that there is adequate knowledge of the state election laws and the implementation of these laws at the local level.

The State Board of Elections will work in conjunction with both the County Clerks Association and the Association of Election Commission Officials to facilitate an education and training program for their members. This program should include a framework for providing practical learning experiences in the administration of elections. It must also include requirements of HAVA to ensure uniform implementation throughout the state.

III. Poll Worker Training

The State Board of Elections will establish uniform requirements for poll worker training throughout the state and will oversee the implementation of this training. The local election authority should be responsible for conducting most of the training programs to ensure the unique aspects of the election in each jurisdiction are clearly explained to the poll worker. The compensation for attending election day training should be increased to encourage poll workers to attend this important learning program.

Audio-visual aids will be used for the training program. As part of the training, the program will include a portion on sensitivity for voters with disabilities. In establishing a uniform training program for poll workers, the State Board of Elections will serve as the liaison among all election authorities within the state to ensure participation in the training development and coordination of the information. In implementing this training program, the State Board of Elections will provide a training plan to the local election authority and will assist, where necessary, in the execution of the training. Training manuals will include, but not be limited to, information about the nature of various disabilities, the rights of voters, access to and maneuverability within polling places and the use of machines and ballots.

Section 4. Voting Systems Guidelines and Processes

How the state will adopt voting system guidelines and processes which are consistent with the requirements of section 301.

Illinois adopted procedures in 1978 that allows no voting system to be used in the state unless approved for use by the State Board of Elections in accordance with rules set forth. The requirements for approval are found in the Illinois Election Code, 10 ILCS 5/24A-16, 24B-16, and 24C-16 as well as in State Board of Elections Rules and Regulations, 26 Illinois Administrative Code, Chapter 1, Section 204.10 - 204.180.

Below is a summary of voting systems currently in use in Illinois.

System	# of Election Jurisdictions	Current # of Precincts	In-Precinct Counting
Optech Insight	2	4,990	Yes
Accu-vote Optical Scan	63	3,375	Yes
Optical Scan M100	39	2,621	Yes
E-Slate	3	369	Yes
Marksense Optech IV-C	2	60	No
Digital Paper Ballot System	1	232	Yes

Accessible Voting System	# of Election Jurisdictions	Current # of Precincts	In-Precinct Counting
AVC Edge	2	4,990	Yes
Accu-vote TSX	60	3,219	Yes
AutoMARK	42	2,837	Yes
E-Slate	3	369	Yes
Digital Paper Ballot System	1	232	Yes

Total number of precincts at the March 21, 2006 primary election – 11,647

Two jurisdictions continued to use the Marksense Optech IV-C at the March 2006 primary election. The jurisdictions were informed that if the central count punch card system was to be used, the election authority must provide a strong voter education program. Both jurisdictions have indicated their intention to move to the Optical Scan M-100 and will do so prior to the November 2006 general election.

As required in PA 93-0574 the State Board of Elections, in evaluating the feasibility of any new voting system, will accept public comment from persons in the disabled community.

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Section 5. Illinois HAVA Fund

How the state will establish a fund described in subsection (b) for purposes of administering the State's activities under this part, including information on fund management.

With the passage of SB 428 in the spring 2003 legislative session, the Help Illinois Vote Fund to implement HAVA was established. Governor Blagojevich signed the bill on August 21, 2003 providing for a special fund within the State Treasury to receive federal funds under the Help America Vote Act of 2002. It authorized appropriation from the Fund solely to the State Board of Elections for use in accordance with the federal Act. Illinois plans to use interest generated from the Fund to help fund future needs in implementing HAVA.

As part of the SBE's FY06 appropriation, language is included which gives the State Board of Elections spending authority to use the funds in accordance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

The SBE Executive Director and Chief Fiscal Officer will work with the State Comptroller and State Treasurer to follow and enforce all mandated fiscal controls and policies.

Section 6. Illinois Proposed HAVA Budget

The State's proposed budget for activities under this part, based on the State's best estimates of the costs of such activities and the amount of funds to be made available, including specific information on

- (A) *the costs of the activities required to be carried out to meet the requirements of title III;*
- (B) *the portion of the requirements payment which will be used to carry out activities to meet such requirements; and*
- (C) *the portion of the requirements payment which will be used to carry out other activities.*

It is apparent that the costs of implementing the "Help America Vote Act" will not be fully covered by the monies authorized in the Act. Priorities must be set and basic requirements of the Act must be met. The following chart reflects an assumption of full funding of the monies authorized.

The State Board of Elections and election authorities encourage Congress to fully fund this mandate.

DISBURSEMENTS OF SECTION 101 AND 102 MONIES

	Federal Appropriation To All States	Federal Appropriation To Illinois	Expended In Illinois (as of 4/1/06)
Section 101	\$349,182,262	\$11,129,030	\$6,365,075
For discretionary use by jurisdictions to provide for: election administration improvements and polling place accessibility			\$3,897,941
Computerized statewide voter registration database and related costs (does NOT include costs paid through State 'maintenance of effort' funds)			\$1,209,561
Sub-Grants to Secretary of State			\$1,213,080
Toll free telephone hotline			\$ 1,006
Development of State Plan			\$ 4,399
Misc expenses relating to HAVA implementation			\$ 39,088
Section 102	\$300,317,738	\$33,805,617	\$33,669,569
Punch card buyout - \$3,192.22 per precinct			\$33,669,569

SECTION 251 MONIES

The State Board of Elections has received the required 5% state match in the FY05 budget request (to meet the requirement for both federal fiscal year FY03 and FY04). The amount received was \$5 million which was spent on accessible voting equipment. Section 251 monies spent to date on upgrading voting equipment to meet error rates

Section 251 - Requirements Payments (federal fiscal years)					
FY03 Federal Authorized Funds	FY 03 Federal <u>Appropriation</u> Illinois share	FY04 Federal Authorized Funds	FY 04 Federal <u>Appropriation</u> Illinois share	FY 05 Federal Authorized Funds	FY 05 Federal <u>Appropriation</u> Illinois share
\$1.4 billion	\$830,000,000 ----- \$35,283,025	\$1 billion	\$1,489,360,620 ----- \$63,312,227 \$63,309,068 *(actual rec'd)	\$600,000,000	Nothing appropriated
FY03 expended funds (as of 4/1/06)	\$35,283,025	FY04 expended funds (as of 4/1/06)	\$7,735,816	FY05 expended funds (as of 4/1/06)	\$

under section 3.2.1 of the voting systems standards, accessible voting equipment and to meet Title III Requirements.

SECTION 254(A)(7) - DISBURSEMENTS (STATE FUNDS)

Section 254(a)(7)- Maintenance of Effort Requirement (State funds)(state fiscal years)					
FY04 Appropriated Funds	FY 04 Expended	FY05 Appropriated Funds	FY 05 Expended (as of 4/1/06)	FY 06 Appropriated Funds	FY 06 Expended (as of 4/1/06)
\$550,000	\$545,954	\$550,000	\$403,104	\$550,000	\$274,720

SECTION 261 - DISBURSEMENTS

Section 261 - Health & Human Services Payments - Access Disability Grants (federal fiscal years)

FY03 Federal Authorized Funds	FY 03 Federal <u>Appropriation</u> Illinois share	FY04 Federal Authorized Funds	FY 04 Federal <u>Appropriation</u> Illinois share	FY 05 Federal Authorized Funds	FY 05 Federal <u>Appropriation</u> Illinois share
\$50,000,000	\$13,000,000 ----- \$511,102	\$25,000,000	\$9,941,000 ----- \$359,062	\$25,000,000	\$9,919,338 ----- \$357,156
FY03 expended funds \$511,102		FY04 expended funds (as of 4/1/06) \$359,062		FY05 expended funds (as of 4/1/06) \$172,178	

The State Board of Elections is in the process of distributing the HHS grant money through an application process. It is being distributed using a voting age population formula for each jurisdiction. Should a jurisdiction not request any of the money, it will then be redistributed to the jurisdictions.

Section 7. Maintenance of Effort

How the State, in using the requirements payment, will maintain the expenditures of the state for activities funded by the payment at a level that is not less than the level of such expenditures maintained by the State for the fiscal year ending prior to November 2000.

In FY00, Illinois had an appropriation of \$550,000 for the uniform registration formatting project (now called the statewide voter registration system project). This amount was appropriated in the FY04 and FY 05 budget, and has again been appropriated in the FY06 budget.

We intend to use the money to continue development of the Statewide Voter Registration Database along with other qualifying expenses as dictated by the mandates of HAVA.

Section 8. Performance Goals and Measures

How the state will adopt performance goals and measures that will be used by the State to determine its success and the success of units of local government in the State in carrying out the plan, including timetables for meeting each of the elements of the plan, descriptions of the criteria the State will use to measure performance and the process used to develop such criteria, and a description of which official is to be held responsible for ensuring that each performance goal is met.

A review of applicable State Laws and Administrative Codes will be undertaken to determine any changes necessary to accomplish the goals of the Help America Vote Act and to ensure compliance through reporting by Election Authorities. The State Board of Elections will revise any existing reporting procedures to include measures of performance for requirements under the Act.

Requirement	Time Frame	Goal	Measures
Punch Card Buyout	Jan 1, 2006 (waiver approved)	Replace systems in 10,590 eligible precincts	SBE maintains a database of voting systems used by each county, which will be expanded to include critical elements.
Accessible voting machine	Jan 1, 2006	Equipment which allows a blind voter to vote unassisted in each polling place	Criteria for accessibility certification will be developed to track compliance.
Polling place accessibility	Nov 2006	Provide accessible polling places for each precinct	Election Authorities report polling place accessibility to SBE through surveys. Survey will be revised to insure compliance.
Provisional ballot (Procedures provided for by PA 93-0574)	Jan 2004	Develop procedures for voting and processing ballots Develop system to inform voter of outcome	Provisional ballots must be tracked for the purposes of adding to final canvass and reporting to provisional voter.
Definition of vote (Complete -	Jan 2004	Provide standards for recount procedures	A means of reporting election contests will be developed.

Requirement	Time Frame	Goal	Measures
SB428)			
State-wide voter registration system	Early 2008 System in use but not fully HAVA compliant	Provide means for uploading voter information from counties to state-wide database	Ratio of counties with equipment and procedures in place to upload information
Grievance procedure	Admin. Complaint Procedure adoption in place	Provide a means of receiving, reporting and resolving complaints from voters	Track complaints and resolutions through an annual report.
Education and Training	Jan 2004	Provide voter education and enhanced election judges training.	Report voter education through election authority surveys. Election Authorities currently report the # of Election Judges who have tested for each election.

The State Board of Elections will assist election authorities to develop standard reports and procedures to measure critical areas of each requirement: scope, schedule, and resources. Reporting requirements will assist SBE in collecting data to report on performance.

- ◆ SCOPE: Measure size of project (# of precincts, registered voters, polling places, etc)
- ◆ SCHEDULE: Target start and stop dates, actual start stop dates, periodic review of progress (% completed)
- ◆ RESOURCES: Measure personnel and existing resources committed to each project as well as financial resources needed to complete the project.

Section 9. State-Based Administrative Complaint Procedures

A description of the uniform, nondiscriminatory State-based administrative complaint procedures in effect under section 402.

Section 402 of HAVA requires the State to create a state-based administrative complaint procedure to assure compliance with Title III of HAVA. The Illinois State Board of Elections through consultation with the Office of the Illinois Attorney General developed administrative rules that allows any person who believes there is, has been, or is about to be a violation of Title III of HAVA to file a complaint.

The complaint must be in writing, sworn and notarized. At the complainant's request, there will be a hearing on the record. If the State finds a violation, it will provide an appropriate remedy. If the State determines a violation has not occurred, the complaint will be dismissed and the results will be published. The State will make a final determination on a complaint within 90 days, unless the complainant consents to a longer period for making such a determination.

The 90-day period begins on the date the complaint is filed. If the State cannot meet this 90-day deadline, the complaint will be resolved within 60 days under an alternative dispute resolution procedure. This 60-day period for resolving a complaint under an alternative dispute resolution process begins after the 90-day period expires. The record and other materials from any proceedings conducted under the complaint procedures shall be made available for use under the alternative dispute resolution procedures. All procedures will be administered in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner.

The State Board of Elections has adopted a state-based administrative complaint procedure with the adoption of Administrative Complaint Procedures and Remedy Grievance Rules and Regulations.

Section 10. Effect of Title I Payments

If the State received any payment under title I, a description of how such payment will affect the activities proposed to be carried out under the plan, including the amount of funds available for such activities.

Illinois has received \$44,934,647 which was electronically deposited in the state HAVA account.

Title I money (Section 101 – payments to states to improve administration of elections) received are being used to comply with the requirements under Title III including:

- 1) the completion of a statewide voter registration system as provided in section 303 of the Act;
- 2) educating voters concerning voting procedures, voting rights, voting technology
- 3) training of election officials, poll workers and election volunteers
- 4) preparation of the state plan
- 5) providing toll free number for election jurisdictions to provide access for provisional voters to determine if their votes were counted or SBE website access for provisional voter to access for determination
- 6) establishing an administrative complaint procedure to remedy grievances as well as provide for a toll free number for voters to use to report possible voting fraud and voting rights violations
- 7) improving the accessibility of polling places.

Title I money (Section 102) **was** used to replace punch card machines in 10,590 precincts. The punch card buyout task force recommended that punch card buyout funds be distributed to each eligible local election jurisdiction based upon the number of precincts in that jurisdiction that used punch cards for the November 2000 election. All 97 eligible jurisdictions requested the funds to replace their existing punch card voting equipment.

The amount of funding received did not cover the full costs of changing voting systems in each jurisdiction.

Section 11. Illinois State Plan Management

How the State will conduct ongoing management of the plan, except that the State may not make any material change in the administration of the plan unless the change –

- (A) is developed and published in the Federal Register in accordance with section 255 in the same manner as the State plan;*
- (B) is subject to public notice and comment in accordance with section 256 in the same manner as the State plan; and*
- (C) takes effect only after the expiration of the 30-day period which begins on the date the change is published in the Federal Register in accordance with subparagraph (A).*

Illinois will manage the ongoing plan in the manner described in the State Plan. No material changes will be made to the Plan unless the change is adopted in conformance with language found in Section 254 (a) (11) of the Help America Vote Act 2002.

The Chief Election Official will conduct meetings with the HAVA State Planning Committee and its task forces as necessary to discuss the progress and objectives of the State Plan.

The Chief Election Official will comply with the HAVA deadlines for submitting HAVA state plans in future years.

The Chief Election Official will comply with all state planning requirements for implementing new information technology.

Section 12. Changes to Plan from Previous Fiscal Year

In the case of a State with a State plan in effect under this subtitle during the previous fiscal year, a description of how the plan reflects changes from the State plan for the previous fiscal year and of how the State succeeded in carrying out the State plan for such previous fiscal year.

Illinois' election jurisdictions continue to utilize Title I, Section 101 funds made available to them to better the administration of the electoral process. All eligible jurisdictions requested Section 102 money to replace punch card voting machines.

Illinois continues to disperse Health and Human Services funds to the jurisdictions to provide for polling place accessibility improvements. Illinois will continue to provide for voters with disabilities as more HAVA funds become available.

Illinois received \$98,592,093 of Title II Requirements funds in March 2005. The State Board of Elections certified five accessible voting equipment systems for use in Illinois. An amount of \$58,705,000 was allocated to the jurisdictions for the purchase of accessible voting equipment. Funds have also been made available to all election jurisdictions through an application process for the purposes of meeting the requirements found in Title III of HAVA.

Illinois continues work on the computerized state voter registration system to bring it into full compliance with the Help America Vote Act.

Section 13. State Planning Committee

A description of the committee which participated in the development of the State plan in accordance with section 255 and the procedures followed by the committee under such section and section 256.

The first state plan was developed through a committee of appropriate individuals, including the chief election officials of the two most populous jurisdictions, other election officials, stakeholders (such as representatives of groups of individuals with disabilities) and other citizens, as well as the Chief State Election Official. This year's state plan was updated by SBE staff and distributed to all member of the State Planning Committee as formed in 2003.

Comments from the Committee will be taken into account before the Plan is submitted to the Board for approval on **May 22**. The draft State plan will be available on the Board's website and published for public comment for 30 days. If, following the public comment period, it is necessary, an amended state plan will be submitted to the Board on **May 22** for final approval and then eventual submission to the Election Assistance Commission for posting in the Federal Register. The full committee may meet again as necessary.

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Members of the State Planning Committee are:

Matt Abrahamson, Dept. of Rehabilitation Services
Paul Anderson, Kendall County Clerk
Steve Bean, Macon County Clerk
Tom Benzinger, Access Living
Derek Blaida, City of Chicago
Bill Blessman, Mason County Clerk
Bernice Bloom, Citizen
Tonia Bogener, Office of the Attorney General
Hollister Bundy, Inclusion Solutions, Inc.
Ray Campbell, Illinois Council of the Blind
Cynthia Canary, Illinois Campaign for Political Reform
Rance Carpenter, Department of Aging
Bruce Clark, Kankakee County Clerk
Linda Crotchett, Jersey County Clerk
Dan Curry, Office of U.S. Senator Peter Fitzgerald
Laurie Dittman, Chicago Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities
Bill Dunn, Citizen
Dave Eldridge, Office of the House Speaker Michael Madigan
Krista Erickson, Lake County Center for Independent Living
Alan Gitelson, Professor of Political Science, Loyola University - Chicago
Lance Gough, Chicago Board of Election Commissioners

Debbie Grant, Springfield Branch NAACP
Barb Gross, Morgan County Clerk
Harvey Grossman, ACLU
Steve Handschu, National Federation of the Blind of Illinois
Tom Hanson, Mercer County Clerk
Carol Anne Harwell, NAACP
Jan Holcomb, Mental Health Assoc. IL
Sharon Holmes, DeKalb County Clerk
Jo Holzer, Council for Disability Rights
Bill Houlihan, Office of Senator Richard Durbin
Roger Huebner, General Counsel, IL Municipal League
Pat Hughes, Inclusion Solutions, Inc.
Becky Huntley, Ogle County Clerk
John Jackson, Public Policy Institute, Southern Illinois University – Carbondale
Amanda Jacobs, Illinois Republican Party
Robin Jones, Great Lakes DPTAC
Mike Kasper, Illinois Democratic Party
Jan Kralovec, Office of Cook County Clerk
James Lewis, East St. Louis Board of Election Commissioners
Barb Lippai, League of Women Voters
Bill Looby, AFL/CIO
Bill Luking, Attorney
Rene Luna, Access Living
Todd Maisch, IL Chamber of Commerce
Peggy Ann Milton, McLean County Clerk
Saul Morse, Illinois State Medical Society
Peg Mosgers, Office of Senate Republican Leader Frank Watson
Zena Naiditch, Equip for Equality, Inc.
Doreen Nelson, DuPage County Election Commission
Sara Nelson, Office of U.S. Senator Richard Durbin
David Orr, Cook County Clerk
Pat Plotner, former SBE employee
Gail Poundstone, Illinois Coalition on Aging
Kent Redfield, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois - Springfield
Larry Reinhardt, Jackson County Clerk
Randy Reitz, Bond County Clerk
Hugo Rojas, Illinois Executive Director & Midwest Program Rep., Common Cause
Steve Rotello, Office of the Attorney General
Bob Saar, Executive Director, DuPage County Election Commission
Cynthia Saputo, Office of Republican House Leader Representative
Mary Ann Scanlan, Office of the Secretary of State
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